

**HOUSE BILL 402** DATE March 13, 2009  
**LAND BANKING** BILL NO. HB 402

- 1. Increase public access to state trust land**
  - a. 142,852 acres have been nominated for sale
  - b. 28,871 acres have been sold, 97.6% were isolated
  - c. 31,283 acres have been purchased, all are legally accessible with recreational opportunities
  - d. Purchases have increased public access to an additional 8,880± acres for a total of 40,000+/- acres of newly accessible state trust lands.
- 2. Improve the beneficiaries investment portfolio by diversifying land holdings**
  - a. lands sold through 2008, generated \$39,572 annually
  - b. lands acquired through 2008, will generate \$302,253 annually
  - c. lands sold are predominately isolated grazing lands and the lands acquired included agricultural, grazing and timbered lands.
- 3. Enhance management and stewardship activities with land consolidation**
  - a. lands acquired are contiguous and in most cases consolidate existing state ownership.
    - o Eustance Ranch is adjacent to and consolidates approximately 6,000 acres adjacent to Ulm Pishkin State Park.
    - o North Lincoln is adjacent to and consolidates approximately 3,000 acres of state lands and a multitude of Forest Service and lands under conservation easement
    - o Ovando Mountain is adjacent to and consolidates 3,000 acres of state land and a multitude of Forest Services and lands under conservation easements.
    - o Tongue River Ranch gained access to approximately 1,280 acres of state lands and a multitude of BLM and lands under conservation easement
    - o Valentine consolidated approximately 928 acres of state lands.
    - o Tupper Lakes provides access to approximately 1,280 acres of state lands and a multitude of Forest Service lands.
    - o DeBruycker Farms provide access to approximately 320 acres of state lands.
- 4. Impacts to county tax base**
  - a. estimated new property taxes on sales in 12 counties on 28,871 is \$45,600
  - b. estimated reduced property taxes in 7 counties on 31,283 acres is \$32,417